

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and indicating that claims 7-10, 14, 16, 19, and 28 contain allowable subject matter.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, and 17 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 11, and 17. Claims 2, 6-7, 12, 14, 19, and 27-28 have been cancelled by this reply.

Drawings

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the drawings filed with the application are acceptable.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed cancelled claim 7 and as well as intervening claim 6. In addition, claim 1 has also been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 2. Claim 11 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed cancelled claim 14 as well as intervening claim 12. Claim 17 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed cancelled claim 19. Claim 26 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed cancelled claim 28 and as well as intervening claim 27. In addition to the above amendments, claims 1, 3-5, 8-11, 13, 15-18, 20-26, and 29-30 have been amended

to correct various antecedent basis issues. No new matter has been added by any of the aforementioned amendments.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6, 11-13, 15, 17-18, 20-26, and 29-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2004/0213409 ("Murto"). As discussed above, independent claims 1, 11, 17, and 26 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 7, 14, 19, and 28, respectively. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to all of the pending claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

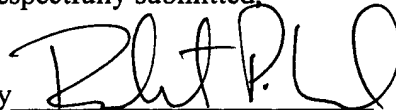
Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03226/525001).

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Respectfully submitted,

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